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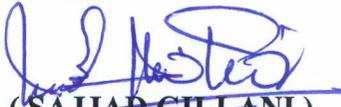
### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND WORKS

Islamabad, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2019: The Standing Committee on Housing and Works directed the Ministry that the ongoing schemes where more than 70% work had been completed may be given priority in the public interest.

The Standing Committee held its meeting today at 2:00 p.m, in Ministry of Housing and Works under the chairmanship of Engr. Muhammad Najeeb Haroon, MNA and discussed/scrutinized the budgetary proposals of the Ministry and its attached departments/sub-ordinate offices relating to Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) for the financial year 2019-20.

During the course of deliberations, the Committee directed the Ministry that the ongoing schemes for the financial year 2018-19 where more than 70% work had been completed may be given priority in the public interest. About the abandoned/unfunded projects, having due approval by the authorized forums, the Committee was of the view that the same be reviewed and some mechanism for their revival be devised in the public interest. Regarding the projects already approved and those likely to be submitted for approval, the Committee appointed a Sub-Committee of four MNAs with the mandate to oversee their progress. The Minister assured the Committee his fullest support in discharge of its oversight functions and compliance of Committees' recommendations. He also agreed that the projects near to completion would be given priority in terms of financial and administrative support.

Besides, the Minister for Housing and Works, the meeting was also attended by MNAs Mr. Mehboob Shah, Malik Anwar Taj, Mr. Sajid Khan, Malik Karamat Ali Khokhar, Makhdoom Syed Sami-ul-Hassan Gillani, Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak, Ms. Wajiha Akram, Mr. Muhammad Israr Tareen, Chaudhry Abid Raza, Syed Iftikhar Ul Hassan, Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb, Ms. Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli, Jam Abdul Karim Bijar and Syed Agha Rafiullah. The senior officers of the Ministry of Housing and Works, Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform and Pakistan Public Works Department were also present in the meeting.

  
(SAJJAD GILLANI)  
Secretary Committee